



THE
HERBERT GREENE
NATURE PRESERVE

A CONCEPTUAL VISION

October, 2009



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The Herbert Taylor Nature Preserve project began with the receipt of applications from the Friends of Herbert Taylor in May of 08. This project was selected for Visioning out of several others that were received that same year. The land was a new acquisition through a joint effort with Watershed Management and the Parks Department. The new acquisition comprises 56 acres of pristine woodland and Utoy Creek. The greenspace is located at Boulder Park Drive at Dollar Mill Rd. SW in the Adamsville Neighborhood of Atlanta.

The Steering Committee comprised several committed community leaders from the surrounding neighborhood. The Committee met monthly to discuss how to engage the wider community and to make decisions based on community input at public meetings. The committee scheduled four public meetings to be held at the Adamsville Recreation Center:

- Visioning Meeting, June 27, 2009, 10:30 AM
- Design Workshop, July 25, 2009, 10:30 AM
- Preliminary Design Review, August 29, 2009, 10:30 AM
- Final Design Review and Prioritization Meeting, October 10, 2009, 10:30 AM

During the Visioning process, it was noted that the community preferred to refer to the property as a Nature Preserve, not a park.

The plan included herein is meant to serve as a documentation of the community's agreed projects and priorities for Herbert Greene Nature Preserve. The graphic plan illustrates concepts and is not considered to be a set of construction documents. It will take cooperation from the City, the neighbors, and the greater Atlanta community to construct all the changes in and between the parks. The Steering Committee will serve an ongoing role in spearheading the changes to the park, finding funding sources, and overseeing project development. Park Pride will continue to serve as a liason between the community and potential funding sources, including the City of Atlanta. It is expected that the entire build-out of the improvements proposed for the Herbert Greene Nature Preserve will take years, if not decades to complete. The first step, determining the best ways to improve the Nature Preserve is completed and another chapter in its redevelopment can begin.



Acknowledgements

Park Pride would like to thank all the members of the community who attended the series of Steering Committee meetings and public meetings. The input from the neighbors and friends directed the outcomes of the Vision and was invaluable to creating the plan. Park Pride staff should also be acknowledged for their hard work and dedication to following through with the project.

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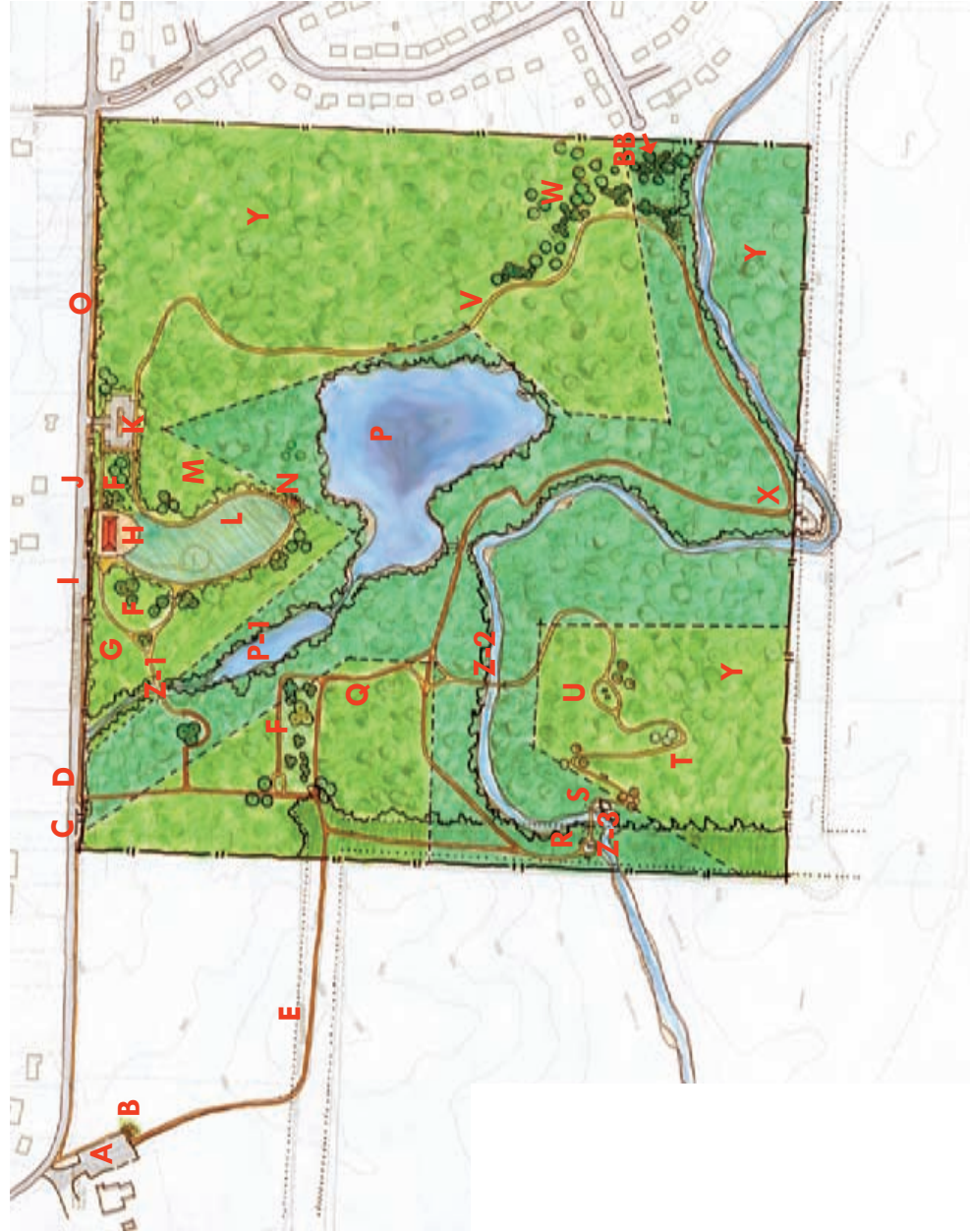
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The Final Vision Plan



- KEY ITEM**
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 - Z1, Z2, Z3 Bridge

- Property Owned by Department of Parks
- Property Owned by Department of Watershed Management
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- SITEWIDE**
- AA Interpretive Signage
 - BB Future Pedestrian Access



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Project List

Key	Item	Priority Level	Cost	Description	Volunteer Opportunity - Yes / No	Possible Funding Source
A	Overflow Parking	High	\$50,000	At American Legion Post, build soft-surface/permeable parking area to house up to 15 vehicles. Access should be separate drive to Boulder Park Road. Parking may be gated and open only during the day or for special events at the Nature Preserve or at the American Legion Post.	No	Local Businesses, Fundraisers, etc.
B	Entrance Signs	High	5,000	At Overflow Parking (see Item A), design and construct signs announcing entrance to Herbert Greene Nature Preserve. Signage should include landscaping and orientation map of Preserve as well as 'Park Rules' as issued by the City of Atlanta.	No	DPRCA
C	Roadside Parking	High	\$20,000	Design and build pervious pavement area just off and parallel to Boulder Park Road to accommodate 3 to 5 vehicles. Enhance with native landscaping and walkway to existing (gated) entrance to Nature Preserve.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
D	Enhanced Entrance	High	\$8,000	Replace utility gate with custom designed entrance. Enhance quality of pedestrian surface and access into preserve. Remove invasive or brushy plants and replace with landscaping appropriate for Nature Preserve.	No (Possibly Landscaping)	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser

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E	Trail to American Legion & Overflow Parking	Medium	\$3,000	Along existing corridor, cut overhanging branches, mow, and add gravel to enhance quality of walking surface. At intersections, provide directional signage.	Yes, Would Save Labor Costs	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
F	Woodland Garden	Medium	\$7,500	At key areas in Nature Preserve, remove invasive or non-native species and replace with plantings that are native, soft to the touch, and/or fragrant. Ideally, any plantings added will provide food and/or shelter for wildlife (birds, squirrels, etc.)	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
G	Connector Trail	Medium	\$5,000	Soft-surface, woodland trail to connect existing entrance with 400 Club entrance and gathering area. Will need bridge to cross stream (See below)	Yes	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
H	Picnic Arbor	Medium	\$60,000	Using natural wood, design and construct an open-roofed pavilion to accommodate approximately 10 picnic tables. Add natural stone floor and native landscaping. Consider growing native vines on arbor-style room.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
I	Arbor Parking	High	\$20,000	At arbor, provide off-road parking for approximately 5 to 7 vehicles. Use pervious pavement and provide walkway/steps/ramp from parking to Picnic Arbor.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations

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J	Arbor Entrance	High	\$30,000	At entrance to arbor, construct ramps and/or steps from street level up to arbor level. Provide interesting stonework and woodwork. Consider faux bois steel railings and details. Landscape with natives.	Possibly, after grading and site work is complete	N/A
K	Off Street Parking	High	\$60,000	Provide visible, pervious surface parking for 10-15 vehicles immediately adjacent to street at the old 400 Club entrance. Landscape with native plants.	No (Possibly Landscaping)	N/A
L	Meadow	Medium	12,000	Clear brush and briars from old clearing at old 400 club site. Cut and spray anything under 4" d.b.h. Replace with fescue lawn and allow weeds to permeate lawn. Mow every other month. Plant native meadow species (black-eyed susan, swamp sunflower, coneflower, butterfly weed, etc) along perimeter of meadow.	Yes	N/A
M	Meadow Path	Medium	\$8,500	Construct soft-surface path around perimeter of meadow. Consider using slate chips or crusher run with metal edging.	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
N	Rustic Pavilion	Low	\$20,000	At back of meadow, design and build a small pavilion or gazebo. Use natural wood or 'faux bois' (fake wood) or a combination of both to create a rustic, even historic appearance and a handsome structure.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations

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O	Boulder Park Road Sidewalk	High	\$200,000	Along Boulder Park Road, build 5' build curb, planting strip, 5' wide sidewalk. Will need bridge at bottom of hill over existing stream.	No	State Funding, TIP, RTP, CMAQ, etc.
P	Pond Restoration	Low	\$50,000	Work with Watershed Management to deepen and restore water storage capacity at old pond site. Introduce native plantings along edges that will enhance water wildlife.	No	Federal or State
P-1	Lake Restoration	Low	\$150,000	Work with Watershed Management to deepen and restore water storage capacity at old pond site. Introduce native plantings along edges that will enhance water wildlife and water quality.	No	Federal or State
Q	Soft Surface Paths	Low	\$4,000	Gravel and/or crusher-run trails to match watershed access roads	Yes	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
R	Picnic Overlook	Low	\$4,500	At rock outcrops, in utility right-of-way	Yes	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
S	Bridge at Rock Outcrop	Low	\$25,000		No	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
T	Remote Path	Low	\$5,000	Single-track trail through woods.	Yes	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
U	Remote Picnic	Medium	\$8,000	2 picnic tables, benches, and interpretive signage, mulch surface	Yes	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
V	Main Trail Loop	Medium	\$30,000	Gravel and/or crusher-run trails to match watershed access roads	No	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser

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W	Evergreen Screening	High	\$20,000	To disguise the backs of houses that border the Nature Preserve, add evergreen plants in large masses of 'naturalized' plantings. Appropriate plants may include a variety of evergreens such as: Hemlock, Southern Magnolia, Pine, Rhododendron, Leucothoe, Andromeda, Mountain Laurel, etc.	Yes	Micro-Grant, Community Fundraiser
X	Creekside Picnic	Low	\$20,000	3 picnic tables, benches, and interpretive signage, mulch surface.	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Y	Wildlife Enhancement Area	Low	\$50,000	In more remote parts of preserve, introduce plantings that will enhance food opportunities and refuge for wildlife that needs additional habitat. Manage for wildlife diversity and refuge.	Yes	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Z-1	Bridge	Low	\$50,000		No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Z-2	Bridge	Low	\$50,000		No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Z-3	Bridge	Low	\$50,000		No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations

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AA	Interpretive Signage	Medium	\$20,000	Add interpretive signage that explains what animals, plants, and habitats may be found in the nature preserve. Are there special trees, herbacious perennials, or wildlife that can be found in the preserve?	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
BB	Utoy Court Pedestrian Access	Unwanted by Community	\$50,000	Provide pedestrian path and signage at Utoy Court to allow pedestrian access into nature preserve. Please note that this project is strongly objected to by the neighbors and community.	No	City of Atlanta DPRCA
Site Wide	Security Project	High	\$30,000	Cameras that can be remotely monitored should be placed at any parking areas and at the remote ends of the trails, especially where the trails get near the houses.	No	Community Grant, Foundations, Local Business Organizations
Total:			\$1,125,500			

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A P P E N D I X

Available on disk only

Includes

- Maps of Interest
- Meeting Agenda's
- Community Wish-lists and
Priorities
- Georgia Native Plants List
- Sign-in Sheets
- Information about City of
Atlanta's Greenway Project

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Mission Statement

To lead and inspire action for parks and greenspace.

Vision Statement

To create a world-class park system in Atlanta.

Park Pride is a nonprofit group that leads and inspires action for parks and greenspace. In 2006, we coordinated over 20,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks, developed new conceptual master plans for 5 parks, helped start over a dozen friends of the park groups, and led the successful charge to have the Fulton County Board of Commission reverse its decision to sell six Sandy Springs Parks to the highest bidder. **Park Pride** continued to work with community organizations and grassroots advocates to support the creation of the Atlanta BeltLine, which will create more than 1,000 acres of new parks and 33 miles of trails. Our annual conference serves as the signature event in our work to create a world class park system in Atlanta.



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